

SOLDIERS MUST KEEP SILENCE; PAPERS ARE A BAGATELLE

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Everything concerning the military is secret. Even when soldiers go to bed - if the comradeship is good - or what they got for dinner yesterday. It is forbidden to tell anything. Officers and non-coms spend hour after hour preaching absolute silence to the conscripts; even the demobilization papers confirm the obligation to silence with these words:

Remember, that even the smallest stone can give the enemy the missing piece in the mosaic.

Still, the finding of important military papers on a dump in Arhus is now given slight significance. This, despite the fact that many of the papers found were from the Jutland Telegraph Company and contain information which is available only to a selected few. Thus, documents about the classification of the so-called crypto-service — this code system is involved in the daily supervision of, and communication between, NATO countries. Only personnel with a special crypto clearance (mostly officers) have access to this information.

In the pile of papers was also a communication to the decoding company. Some part of the professional military radio service is so

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secret that the work in the barracks takes place behind covered windows and sound-proof doors on which there is a sign "Entrance Forbidden." Regarding crypto-service and decoding, the ordinary conscript could rarely speak in detail because he simply does not get to know anything about it.

However, with watch orders it is different. Therefore, in the "Handbook for Army Privates" it is emphasized that a spy is interested in things like watch instructions, size of the watch, situation in which an alarm is given, etc. (page 204). The papers from the Arhus dump give, not only this information, but also something about watch morale. For example, reports from the duty officer at Langelandsgades Barracks, in which he tells about the situation in the duty office during an unannounced inspection.

The Western Command ordered hearings yesterday afternoon in the matter of the military documents which had been thrown on a public dump Sunday afternoon. The Army Command and the Defense Ministry were duly advised. Military Prosecutor, S. C. A. Dall, has been handed over some portion of the documents which were gathered up at Tangkrogen, and it is expected that the inquiry of the entire situation will be completed in a few days. It will be the task of the

prosecutor to find out to what extent officers and conscripts have violated military security regulations.

The press officer at the Jutland Telegraph Regiment, from which many of the documents originate, is of the opinion at the present time "that no misfortune has occurred" and that "no one has been compromised." Major S. P. Klysner, the press officer, said that there was no classified material among the documents found at the dump. Of course, it is unfortunate that any military papers were found there in the first place. The dumping should not have happened. I am also sure that this kind of thing will not happen again.

The Major pointed out that there were no confidential or secret documents found; the material was classified "For Official Use" which is the lowest classification and one to which all military personnel have access. In addition, an obvious error has been committed, because there is material there which should have been burned.

Regarding the envelopes marked "Confidential", "Secret", "NATO-Secret", the Major said that these have no significance for unauthorized persons, but it is certainly not intended that anyone "on the outside" should be in a position to make such an evaluation. Regarding the operation programs, mobilization orders, home leave passes, duty schedules, etc., the Major said that they were quite inconsequential from the standpoint of security.